

Claims

- [c1] 1. A method of displaying electronic program guide (EPG) data on a remote control comprising a display, comprising:
defining a logical grid on said display of the remote control, said grid having a plurality of columns and a plurality of rows, wherein each said column has associated therewith a beginning time and an end of a time period;
displaying in a first cell formed at an intersection of a first row and a first column, program information for a first program associated with a first source;
and
displaying in a second cell formed at an intersection of said first row and a second column, program information for a second program associated with a second source.
- [c2] 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying in a third cell within a second row, program information for a third program, wherein said first, second, and third programs satisfy criteria associated with a single logical user.
- [c3] 3. The method of claim 1, wherein said program information for said first and second programs comprises title-based information.
- [c4] 4. The method of claim 1, wherein said first and second programs are associated with a first program category.
- [c5] 5. The method of claim 2, wherein said first and second programs are associated with a first program category and said third program is associated with a second program category.
- [c6] 6. The method of claim 4, wherein a first icon associated with said first program category is displayed on said display.
- [c7] 7. The method of claim 5, wherein a first icon associated with said first program category is displayed on said display and a second icon associated with said second program category is displayed on said display.
- [c8] 8. The method of claim 2 wherein the data is displayed in a font or set of fonts

having predetermined size and shape attributes to suit said logical user.

[c9] 9. The method of claim 1, wherein the data comprises program information for a plurality of programs available from a plurality of sources.

[c10] 10. The method of claim 9, wherein said plurality of sources comprises a television broadcast channel.

[c11] 11. The method of claim 10 wherein said television broadcast channel is a digital broadcast channel.

[c12] 12. The method of claim 9 wherein said plurality of sources comprises a satellite broadcast channel.

[c13] 13. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying a physical representation of at least a portion of said grid on said display.

[c14] 14. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying on said display at least one of the times associated with said first column.

[c15] 15. The method of claim 1, wherein a timeslot associated with said first program comprises at least two cells.

[c16] 16. The method of claim 1, wherein said first program represents ongoing content.

[c17] 17. A method of displaying electronic program guide (EPG) data on a remote control comprising a display, comprising:
 defining a logical grid on said display of the remote control, said grid having a plurality of columns and a plurality of rows, wherein each column has associated therewith a beginning time and an end of a time period;
 displaying in a first cell formed at an intersection of a first column and a first row, program information for a first program associated with a first source; and
 displaying in a second cell formed at an intersection of a second column and a second row, program information for a second program associated with said first source.

[c18] 18. The method of claim 17, wherein said first and second programs satisfy

criteria associated with a single logical user.

- [c19] 19. The method of claim 17, wherein the program information for said first and second programs comprises title-based information.
- [c20] 20. The method of claim 17, wherein said first program is associated with a first program category and said second program is associated with a second program category.
- [c21] 21. The method of claim 20, wherein a first icon associated with said first program category is displayed on said display.
- [c22] 22. The method of claim 18 wherein the data is displayed in a font or set of fonts having predetermined size and shape attributes to suit said logical user.
- [c23] 23. The method of claim 17, wherein the data comprises program information for a plurality of programs available from a plurality of sources.
- [c24] 24. The method of claim 23, wherein said plurality of sources comprises a television broadcast channel.
- [c25] 25. The method of claim 24 wherein said television broadcast channel is a digital broadcast channel.
- [c26] 26. The method of claim 23 wherein said plurality of sources comprises a satellite broadcast channel.
- [c27] 27. The method of claim 17, further comprising displaying a physical representation of at least a portion of said grid on said display.
- [c28] 28. The method of claim 17, further comprising displaying on the display at least one of the times associated with said first column.
- [c29] 29. The method of claim 17, wherein a timeslot associated with said first program comprises at least two cells.
- [c30] 30. The method of claim 17, wherein said first program represents ongoing content.

- [c31] 31. An apparatus for displaying an electronic program guide (EPG) data comprising:
a remote control capable of sending wireless commands;
a display incorporated on said remote control;
a logical grid defined on said display, said grid having a plurality of columns and a plurality of rows, wherein each said column has associated therewith a beginning time and an end of a time period;
program information for a first program associated with a first source displayed in a first cell formed at an intersection of a first row and a first column; and
program information for a second program associated with a second source displayed in a second cell formed at an intersection of said first row and a second column.
- [c32] 32. The apparatus recited in claim 31, further comprising program information for a third program displayed in a third cell within a second row, wherein said first, second, and third programs satisfy criteria associated with single logical user.
- [c33] 33. The apparatus recited in claim 1, wherein said program information for said first program and said second program comprises title-based information.
- [c34] 34. The apparatus recited in claim 31, wherein said first program and second program are associated with a first program category.
- [c35] 35. The apparatus recited in claim 32, wherein said first program and said second program are associated with a first program category and said third program is associated with a second program category.
- [c36] 36. The apparatus recited in claim 34, wherein a first icon associated with said first program category is displayed on said display.
- [c37] 37. The apparatus recited in claim 35, wherein a first icon associated with the first program category is displayed on said display and a second icon associated with said second program category is displayed on said display.
- [c38] 38. The apparatus recited in claim 32, wherein the data is displayed in a font or

set of fonts having predetermined size and shape attributes to suit said logical user.

- [c39] 39. The apparatus recited in claim 31, wherein the data comprises program information for a plurality of programs available from a plurality of sources.
- [c40] 40. The apparatus recited in claim 39, wherein said plurality of sources comprises a television broadcast channel.
- [c41] 41. The apparatus recited in claim 40, wherein said television broadcast channel is a digital broadcast channel.
- [c42] 42. The apparatus recited in claim 39, wherein said plurality of sources comprises a satellite broadcast channel.
- [c43] 43. The apparatus recited in claim 31, further comprising a display of a physical representation of at least a portion of said grid.
- [c44] 44. The apparatus recited in claim 31, further comprising a display of at least one of said times associated with said first column.
- [c45] 45. The apparatus recited in claim 31, wherein said first program comprises at least two cells to which a timeslot is associated therewith.
- [c46] 46. The apparatus recited in claim 31, wherein said first program represents ongoing content.
- [c47] 47. An apparatus for displaying electronic program guide (EPG) data comprising:
 - a remote control capable of sending wireless commands;
 - a display incorporated on said remote control;
 - a logical grid defined on said display, said grid having a plurality of columns and a plurality of rows, wherein each column has associated therewith a beginning time and an end of a time period;
 - program information for a first program associated with a first source displayed in a first cell formed at an intersection of a first column and a first row; and
 - program information for a second program associated with a first source

displayed in a second cell formed at an intersection of a second column and a second row.

- [c48] 48. The apparatus recited in claim 47, wherein said first program and said second program satisfy criteria associated with a single logical user.
- [c49] 49. The apparatus recited in claim 47, wherein said program information for said first program and said second program comprises title-based information.
- [c50] 50. The apparatus recited in claim 47, wherein said first program is associated with a first program category and said second program is associated with a second program category.
- [c51] 51. The apparatus recited in claim 50, wherein a first icon associated with said first program category is displayed on said display.
- [c52] 52. The apparatus recited in claim 48, wherein said data is displayed in a font or set of fonts having predetermined size and shape attributes to suit said logical user.
- [c53] 53. The apparatus recited in claim 47, wherein said data comprises program information for a plurality of programs available from a plurality of sources.
- [c54] 54. The apparatus recited in claim 53, wherein said plurality of sources comprises a television broadcast channel.
- [c55] 55. The apparatus recited in claim 54, wherein said television broadcast channel is a digital broadcast channel.
- [c56] 56. The apparatus recited in claim 23, wherein said plurality of sources comprises a satellite broadcast channel.
- [c57] 57. The apparatus recited in claim 47, further comprising a display of a physical representation of at least a portion of said grid.
- [c58] 58. The apparatus recited in claim 47, further comprising a display of at least one of said times associated with said first column.
- [c59] 59. The apparatus recited in claim 47, wherein a timeslot associated with said

first program comprises at least two cells.

[c60] 60. The apparatus recited in claim 47, wherein said program content represents ongoing content.